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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3 and 37 as follows:

3. (Thrice Amended) An electronic commerce system comprising:
- a client computer; and
  - a server computer;
- the client computer and the server computer being interconnected by a public packet switched communications network;
- the client computer being programmed to transmit to the server computer an order acceptance request comprising a plurality of terms or conditions of a proposed offer for a purchase, the order acceptance request comprising a discrete message that includes a plurality of modular elements whose individual integrity is protected by embedding cryptographic security codes within each of the modular elements, at least one of the modular elements individually protected by a cryptographic security code being a digital coupon;
- the server computer being programmed to process the order acceptance request based on pre-programmed criteria, including authentication of the cryptographic security codes embedded within each of the modular elements and examination of the modular elements of the discrete